

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 28, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 14, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. McCord has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

McCOY, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 28, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 7, have had same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

McCOY, Acting Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 28, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House bill No. 18, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. McDowra has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

METCALFE, Vice-Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STOCK AND STOCK RAISING.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 28, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Stock and Stock Raising, to who was referred House bill No. 21, have had same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

McFARLAND, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 28, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriation to pay the per diem and mileage of members and per diem of officers and employes of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, convened on the 26th day of February, 1918, by proclamation of the Governor, providing how accounts may be approved, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 11:23 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 28, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 2, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriation of the sum of sixteen thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the contingent expenses of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, convened February 26, 1918, by the proclamation of the Governor, providing how accounts may be approved, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 11:23 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

FOURTH DAY.

(Friday, March 1, 1918.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Atlee.	Beard.
Bagby.	Beasley.
Bass.	Beason.

Bedell.	Mendell.
Bell.	Miller of Austin.
Bennette.	Miller of Dallas.
Bertram.	Moore.
Blackburn.	Morris.
Blackmon.	Murphy.
Bland.	Murrell.
Bledsoe.	Neill.
Brown.	Nordhaus.
Bryan.	O'Banion.
Burton of Rusk.	O'Brien.
Butler.	Osborne.
Cadenhead.	Peyton.
Carlock.	Pillow.
Cates.	Poage.
Clark.	Raiden.
Cope.	Reeves.
Cox of Bee.	Richards.
Cox of Ellis.	Roemer.
Davis of Dallas.	Rogers.
Davis of Harris.	Sackett.
Davis	Sallas.
of Van Zandt.	Sentell.
De Bogory.	Schlesinger.
Denton.	Schlosshan.
Dodd.	Seawright.
Dudley.	Smith of Bastrop.
Dunnam.	Smith of Hopkins.
Estes.	Smith of Scurry.
Fairchild.	Spencer.
Fly.	Spradley.
Ford.	Sneed.
Greenwood.	Stewart.
Haidusek.	Stephens.
Hardey.	Swope.
Harris.	Taylor.
Hill.	Templeton.
Holland.	Terrell.
Johnson of Blanco.	Thomason
Johnson of Ellis.	of El Paso.
Jones.	Thomason
King.	of Nacogdoches.
Laas.	Thompson
Lackey.	of Hunt.
Laney.	Tillotson.
Lange.	Tilson.
Lanier.	Tinner.
Lee.	Upchurch.
Lindemann.	Vaughan.
McComb.	Veatch.
McCord.	Wahrmund.
McCoy.	Walker.
McDowra.	White.
McFarland.	Williford.
McMillin.	Woods.
Mathis.	Yantis.

Absent.

Burton of Tarrant.	Monday.
Canales.	Sholars.
Davis of Grimes.	Strayhorn.
Holaday.	Valentine.
Lacey.	Williams
Metcalf.	of Brazoria.

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Crudgington.
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Hudspeth.	Thompson
Lowe.	of Red River.
Meador.	Traylor.
Parks.	Williams
Pope.	of McLennan.
Robertson.	Wilson.
Thomas.	

A quorum was announced present.
Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following member was granted leave of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Thompson of Red River, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. McCoy.

RELATING TO EXPENSES OF HOUSE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

Mr. Sallas offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The expenses incurred by the various members of the House Investigating Committee, authorized by the Third Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, as filed with the State Comptroller of Public Accounts, appears inconsistent in many particulars and unfair to several of the committee-men; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a special committee of five members be appointed by the House to make full inquiry into the expenditures of the said investigating committee, and the legality of same, and report their findings to this House at the earliest possible date.

Signed—Sallas, Denton, Swope, Nordhaus, Lindemann, Morris.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

Mr. Miller of Dallas moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted.

The motion to reconsider prevailed.

Mr. Bedell moved the previous question on the resolution and the main question was ordered.

Question then recurring on the resolution, yeas and nays were demanded.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—72.

Mr. Speaker.	Bertram.
Atlee.	Blackmon.
Beard.	Bledsoe.
Bedell.	Bryan.
Bell.	Burton of Rusk.
Bennette.	Butler.

Cadenhead.	Peyton.
Clark.	Pillow.
Cope.	Poage.
Cox of Bee.	Raiden.
Cox of Ellis.	Reeves.
Davis of Dallas.	Richards.
De Bogory.	Roemer.
Denton.	Sackett.
Dodd.	Sallas.
Dudley.	Sentell.
Estes.	Schlesinger.
Fairchild.	Seawright.
Fly.	Sholars.
Harris.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hill.	Smith of Hopkins.
Johnson of Ellis.	Smith of Scurry.
Laas.	Spencer.
Laney.	Sneed.
Lanier.	Stephens.
Lee.	Stewart.
McCord.	Swope.
McCoy.	Taylor.
McDowra.	Terrell.
McFarland.	Tillotson.
McMillin.	Tilson.
Morris.	Vaughan.
Murrell.	Veatch.
Nordhaus.	Walker.
O'Banion.	Woods.
O'Brien.	Yantis.

Nays—37.

Bagby.	Miller of Austin.
Bass.	Miller of Dallas.
Beasley.	Moore.
Blackburn.	Murphy.
Bland.	Neill.
Carlock.	Osborne.
Davis of Harris.	Rogers.
Davis	Schlosshan.
of Van Zandt.	Spradley.
Dunnam.	Thomason
Ford.	of El Paso.
Greenwood.	Thomason
Haidusek.	of Nacogdoches.
Hardey.	Thompson
Johnson of Blanco.	of Hunt.
Jones.	Tinner.
King.	Upchurch.
Lackey.	Wahrmund.
Lange.	White.
McComb.	Williford.
Mendell.	

Absent.

Beason.	Lowe.
Brown.	Mathis.
Burton of Tarrant.	Metcalf.
Canales.	Monday.
Cates.	Strayhorn.
Davis of Grimes.	Templeton.
Holaday.	Valentine.
Holland.	Williams
Lacey.	of Brazoria.
Lindemann.	

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Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Thomas.
Crudgington.	Thompson
Hudspeth.	of Red River.
Meador.	Traylor.
Parks.	Williams
Pope.	of McLennan.
Robertson.	Wilson.

(Mr. Mendell in the chair.)

In accordance with above action, Mr. Dudley nominated Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Murrell, Mr. Thomason of El Paso, Mr. Mendell and Mr. Sallas as members for the committee provided for in the resolution.

Mr. Spradley moved that nominations be closed and that the Chief Clerk of the House be instructed to cast the vote of the House for the members nominated by Mr. Dudley.

The motion prevailed, and the members named were declared appointed as provided for in the resolution.

INVITING HON. CLARENCE OUSLEY TO ADDRESS THE LEGISLATURE.

Mr. McCoy offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 1, Inviting Hon. Clarence Ousley to address the Legislature.

Whereas, The Hon. Clarence Ousley, who is doing a great part in helping win the world war, is now in the city; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House, the Senate concurring, That he be invited to address the Legislature at 2 p. m. today upon any subject he chooses.

The resolution was read second time.

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Thomason of El Paso offered the following amendment to the resolution: Change from 2 to 1 o'clock.

The amendment was adopted.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, February 28, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

H. B. No. 17, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 44 of the Revised Civil Statutes of this State by adding immediately following Article 2439 thereof a new article, to be known as Article 2439a, providing,

in substance, that during the continuance of a state of war between the governments of the United States and Germany the Treasurer of this State from time to time shall in like manner, and with the approval of the Attorney General and Comptroller, invest the surplus funds of the State not deposited in State depositories and not required to meet the current expenses of the government in such short time United States certificates of indebtedness as may have been heretofore or as may hereafter be authorized by Congress: providing that, when necessary, such certificates may be cashed or sold for not less than par and accrued interest; providing that such investments shall be made only when such certificates are offered directly by the government of the United States; declaring that the Treasurer shall, under such rules as may be established by him, the Attorney General and Comptroller, make subscriptions to allotments from time to time of such certificates and execute the necessary instruments and documents to carry this act into effect, making an appropriation for the payment of all expenses incident to carrying this act into effect, providing for the payment thereof; this act being preceded by a preamble and in Section 2 thereof declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

RALPH SOAPE,
Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. J. R. No. 1, Ratifying an amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, passed by the Sixty-fifth Congress of the United States of America at its Second Session, which amendment provides in substance that one year after the ratification of the amendment the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors within, the importation thereof, into, or the exportation thereof, from the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof, for beverage purposes is prohibited; that Congress and the several States shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation, and providing further that this article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution within seven years from the date of submission to the States by Congress.

The resolution was read third time and was passed.

HOUSE BILL ON FIRST READING.

The following House bill introduced today, was laid before the House, read first time and referred to the appropriate committee as follows:

By Mr. McCoy and Mr. McCord:

H. B. No. 23, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it a misdemeanor to buy or assist in procuring intoxicating liquor for or from any person in this State, only for medical or sacramental purposes, other than in counties where licensed by law, and providing a penalty therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Liquor Traffic.

COMMENDING HON. RUDOLPH TSCHOEPE.

Mr. Spradley offered the following resolution:

Whereas; The Hon. Rudolph Tschoepe of Seguin, Guadalupe county, Texas, a former Representative of the Eighty-third District, on account of some technical objection placing him under the class of aliens, resigned his position as Representative; and

Whereas, The Hon. Rudolph Tschoepe served for four years in the Confederate army, with distinction, and a more valiant soldier never served his country than he on the field of battle and since the war he has served his country with distinction, and has lived the life of an honored citizen; and

Whereas, We, as his former associates, learned to esteem and love him as a man worthy of being an American citizen, which in fact, he is; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of Texas tender him and his family our regret of the incident, with the assurance of our esteem and respect of him as a worthy man and a loyal citizen.

Signed—Spradley, Murrell, Fly, Peyton, Woods, Schlosshan, Miller of Austin, Bledsoe, Bell, Fuller.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

ELECTION OF ENROLLING CLERK.

The Speaker laid before the House for consideration at this time, the resignation of J. T. Robison as Enrolling Clerk of the House, and stated that the resignation had been accepted by him and

also stated that nominations for Enrolling Clerk were now in order.

Mr. Cope nominated Mrs. J. T. Robison for Enrolling Clerk of the House.

Mr. Miller of Dallas seconded the nomination, and moved that the Chief Clerk be instructed to cast the vote of the House for Mrs. J. T. Robison for Enrolling Clerk.

The motion prevailed, and Mrs. J. T. Robison was declared elected Enrolling Clerk of the House.

RELATING TO ALIEN ENEMIES.

Mr. Mendell offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 2, Relating to alien enemies, etc.

Whereas, It is concurrently reported and believed that there is a number of alien enemies and other persons, not citizens of, and in some of its counties, precincts and incorporated towns and cities, the United States, in the employment of the State of Texas, and as such a fact is contrary to both public policy and common welfare, and

Whereas, Such money paid to such alien enemies out of the public funds and to others not citizens of the United States, should better be paid to citizens of undoubted loyalty; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the head of each State Department, each and every manager or superintendent of every State institution, farm, railway, penitentiary, asylum, school, college or University, each and every sheriff, county commissioner, county judge, constable or their deputies, mayor or manager of towns or cities, or any other person, drawing pay or honor from the public, be required, within sixty days, to file with the Secretary of State a sworn detailed statement of all enemy aliens or subjects of countries with which the United States is at war, and, or such countries as the United States has severed diplomatic relations with, and a separate detailed statement of each and every other alien, giving the date their employment began, their name, place of birth, date of birth, length of time of residence in the United States and in Texas, and their present local address. The term enemy alien or alien herein used means all those who are not citizens as at present construed by National and State regulations, and

Whereas, An urgent necessity exists for this information, the Secretary is

herewith requested to mail a copy of the resolution to each and every one of the above mentioned officers, or heads of departments, by whatever official name known and to require answers within sixty days.

Signed—Mendell, Thomason of El Paso.

The resolution was read and ordered printed in the Journal.

HOUSE BILL NO. 8 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 8, A bill to be entitled "An Act prohibiting the manufacture, sale, barter or exchange of spirituous, vinous, or malt liquor, or liquors of any character or capable of producing intoxication within this State on and after the taking effect of this act, except for medicinal, mechanical, scientific or sacramental purposes; prohibiting the use of premises, devices, and aids in the manufacture, sale, barter or exchange of such liquors; providing certain civil remedies for the enforcement of the terms of this act, the same being cumulative of all other remedies relevant thereunto; prescribing the terms upon which liquors may be manufactured, sold, bartered or exchanged for medicinal, mechanical, scientific or sacramental purposes; providing procedure for the procuring of evidence for the enforcement of the terms of this act and providing procedure for the prevention of violations of the terms of this act; repealing certain laws in conflict herewith; making the terms of this act cumulative of all other laws upon the subject not in conflict herewith; extending to the entire State the provisions of certain statutes heretofore applicable to local option territory; making it a felony punishable by confinement in the penitentiary to keep a cold storage or place for the keeping for others of such liquors, and punishing corporations by fines, penalties and forfeiture of charters for the violation of this act; providing penalties and remedies against officers charged with any duty in connection with the enforcement of this act for failure to perform such duties; prescribing venue, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Cope, further consideration of the bill was postponed until 10 o'clock a. m. next Wednesday, March 6.

HOUSE BILL NO. 13 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 13. A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit the purchase or procuring for, or the sale, gift or delivery to, any person engaged or enlisted in the military or naval forces of the United States, of any spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, or medicated bitters capable of producing intoxication; prescribing a penalty for the violation of this act, and declaring an emergency." The bill was read second time.

Mr. Carlock offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 13 by adding after the clause "military or naval forces of the United States," in lines 15 and 16 of said act, and in Section 1 thereof, the following: "or any person engaged or enlisted in the military or naval forces of any of the Allies of the United States in the present war with Germany."

Signed—Carlock, Williford.

The amendment was adopted.

(Mr. Spencer in the chair.)

Mr. Schlesinger offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 13 by striking out the second sentence in Section 2.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. O'Banion offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 13, Section 3, line 25, by adding after the word "government" "and its allies are."

Signed—Spencer of Wise, O'Banion.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Carlock offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend the caption of House bill No. 13, in published bill, by adding after the words "military or naval forces of the United States," the following: "or any person engaged or enlisted in the military or naval forces of any of the Allies of the United States in the present war with Germany."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Smith of Scurry offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 13, Section 1, line 15, by adding after the word "deliver to" the words "or cause to be given or delivered to."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Osborne offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 13 by adding after the word "intoxication," line 17, Section 1, the following:

"Provided nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent the giving of liquors to soldiers or sailors in the United States service in case of actual sickness when same is given or prescribed by a physician in the United States service, and when such soldier or sailor is under treatment in an army or naval hospital."

The amendment was lost.

Mr. O'Brien offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 13, page 1, by striking out of line 20, Section 2, the words "less than two nor more than" and insert in lieu thereof the word "exceeding."

Question—Shall the amendment be adopted?

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber.

Austin, Texas, March 1, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

H. C. R. No. 1, Inviting the Honorable Clarence Ousley to address the Legislature.

Respectfully,

J. B. BENNETT,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. S. Raymond Brooks, secretary to the Governor, appeared at the bar of the House and, being duly announced, presented the following message from the Governor which was read to the House:

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature of Texas in Fourth Called Session:

I am this day in receipt of a letter from Hon. Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, dated February 19, 1918, and mailed at Washington February 25, 1918, copy of which I submit for your information and consideration.

We have the testimony here in direct terms of the Secretary of War showing that all other restrictive or regulatory measures have failed to accomplish the desired results of keeping liquor from the soldiers around army camps in

Texas and therefore a law to prohibit the sale of liquor within a distance that makes it easier to catch the bootlegger is the measure best calculated to remedy this evil.

At the time that I received the first communication from the Secretary of War advising me that that department would be interested in "effective measures" to make it more difficult for soldiers to obtain liquor in Texas camps I concluded that the program of legislation I have heretofore submitted would prove effective.

In view of the splendid response which these measures have met at your hands even before there has been sufficient time for their final adoption and in order that you may have as an additional guide for your acts these suggestions from the military officers charged with the responsibility of raising our army, I am pleased to lay the same before your body. The endorsement and approval of a law prohibiting the sale of liquor in a ten-mile zone around army camps by the Secretary of War emphasizes the patriotic call to duty involved in the enactment of such a law in time of war by the Legislature of Texas.

I submit to you copies of my communication to the Secretary of War in answer to his message of February 9, also copy of his letter in full pertaining to the army camp situation in Texas received by me today.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

(Copy.)

February 12, 1918.

Hon. Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.:

I have the honor of acknowledging receipt of your telegram of February 9th stating that the War Department will be deeply interested in effective measures which will make it more difficult for the soldiers in the camps of Texas to obtain liquor and which will further safeguard their health from the diseases growing out of commercialized vice. I shall use all the powers at my command to meet this situation and to offer you the utmost co-operation in protecting the morals and health of soldiers encamped in Texas. I am giving my closest attention to the framing of laws to accomplish this purpose, and, therefore, I would appreciate further suggestions giving your views specifically if you have such in mind as to needed legislation and which transmitted to me by

letter will give sufficient time for the same to reach me before the Legislature convenes. In view of the honor conferred upon Texas and the pride our citizens feel in having so many soldiers stationed within our borders for military training, you may rest assured that the State government will carry out every wish of your department with respect to conditions that surround them.

W. P. HOBBY,
Governor.

War Department,
Washington, February 19, 1918.

My Dear Governor: I was very glad to receive your telegram of February 13 in response to mine of February 9. I note with appreciation your hearty response to my suggestion that the War Department is deeply interested in measures that may come before the pending session of your Legislature, which will make liquor more difficult of access to soldiers, will improve vice conditions and reduce the ravages of venereal diseases, which are its inevitable accompaniment.

I note also your statement that you are giving careful thought to the preparation of measures designed to meet this situation, and would be glad to have specific suggestions from me in this direction.

I have received numerous complaints concerning the sale of alcohol to soldiers in the various camp cities of Texas. Only this week a Texas Federal judge told me that there had been tried in his court more than 300 cases for selling liquor to soldiers in the last few months. In one Texas camp city eighty arrests of soldiers for drunkenness were reported in a period of ten days.

You are, no doubt, aware that the President has power to declare dry zones around military camps, and that he has exercised this power at my suggestion by establishing zones varying in radius from one-half mile to five miles around such camps. The smaller zones were established where military camps were located in or near cities or incorporated towns. This was done because we did not wish to interfere unduly with the local customs of such large groups of the population. It was hoped that the consideration thus shown would be appreciated by all the citizens of the cities thus involved, to the extent that they would co-operate fully with the government's program in preventing liquor from reaching the soldiers. While it is true that the great mass of citizens of these cities and towns have co-operated

in this matter, there has been found to exist in each of these cities and towns a small but very active minority who have been deaf to all patriotic appeals, and who have evaded all laws and regulations prohibiting the sale of liquor to soldiers. Various measures have been suggested and tried in the various camp cities to improve these conditions. Some of them have brought about improvement, such, for instance, as the San Antonio ordinance prohibiting the sale of liquor to be consumed off the premises. Even in that city, however, the number of arrests for drunkenness of soldiers continues too high.

I am, therefore, inclined to believe that that only effective measure to control this traffic is the establishment of zones of considerable size around military camps where no liquor is allowed, regardless of whether such territory includes cities and towns. I could, of course, recommend to the President that the existing zones around military camps be increased in size. I should much prefer, however, that the people of the State of Texas should solve this problem, as I am sure they will do, if you present the matter to the Legislature as one vitally affecting the efficiency of the army. If, therefore, you decide to recommend to the Legislature of Texas the establishment of zones with a radius of ten miles around all military camps in Texas, within which liquor shall not be allowed, and the Legislature should pass such a bill, the State of Texas will have made a contribution to the welfare of the army of no mean proportions.

The problem of prostitution and venereal diseases, which inevitably accompany it, is not one of such easy solution. While it is true that every red light district in cities near army training camps has been abolished since war began, that law enforcement by these communities has been greatly stimulated, that wholesome substitutes for vice have been provided by the Commission on Training Camp Activities, that most vigorous efforts have been made by the Surgeon General to prevent and cure venereal disease among the troops, and that through all these measures there has been a considerable reduction in the amount of prostitution and these diseases, I am not entirely satisfied with the results. After considerable study of this question, I have come to the conclusion that there are several measures which would be of advantage to every State in the handling of this problem.

I refer to the establishment by State

appropriation of State agencies, including reformatories and custodial cure for feeble-minded prostitutes. Such reformatories have been found extremely useful in a number of States, including New York and Pennsylvania, where women have been committed for an indeterminate sentence of several years and have received treatment for their diseases and been subjected to both physical and moral training calculated to rehabilitate them. State institutions for the feeble-minded have also been established in a number of States for the permanent internment of persons found to be hopelessly incapable, through mental weakness, of protecting themselves or the community against their diseases and the other results of their delinquency. I should be very glad to see the establishment of such State institutions in all States within which army camps are located, and hope that you will see your way clear to present this matter to the Legislature at this time. If all prostitutes who can not be rehabilitated by immediate probation, and, therefore, need commitment for a period of years, and feeble-minded prostitutes who require permanent internment, were so committed or interned, I am confident that our problem would be cut at least in half for the period of the war. In view of the fact, however, that such institutions, even under the most favorable circumstances, take time to establish, I desire to call to your attention one further measure which I deem to be of great importance.

It is, of course, obvious that soldiers do not contract venereal diseases in the camps, but in the environment surrounding them. Strenuous efforts are being made by the Surgeon General, as I have noted above, to prevent and cure diseases among the soldiers. With certain exceptions which are inherent in every plan, it may be said generally that soldiers walking the streets of your cities are free from venereal diseases in their infectious stage. That is certainly the ideal toward which the Surgeon General is working, and I believe it to be one which is nearing accomplishment. In view of this fact we should like to see every effort made by the State and municipal officials to locate, treat and cure every civilian venereal disease carrier in the communities surrounding these camps. Many States are beginning this important work through the establishment of dispensaries, hospital facilities and diagnostic laboratories available to the public.

The Surgeons General of the army and of the Public Health Service have given this matter careful thought and study. I am informed by General Gorgas that the best legislative enactment to cover the situation would be a short basic law providing in substance that the State Board of Health is authorized to make such regulations concerning venereal diseases, including the reporting thereof and the quarantining of persons infected therewith, as it may from time to time deem necessary or advisable. If such a law is passed, and your State Board of Health should wish any suggestions as to the form of such regulations, I may say that the Surgeon General has prepared such a form based on the experience of many other States and communities, which will be gladly furnished by him upon request.

There are perhaps some of your existing laws for the repression of prostitution which you may desire to strengthen. If you find, upon examination, that this is the case and desire any further suggestions for legislation, I should be glad to have you write to Mr. Raymond B. Fosdick, chairman of the Commission on Training Camp Activities, which I have appointed to advise me in these matters. Mr. Fosdick's address is Nineteenth and G Streets, Washington, D. C. He will, I know, be very glad to hear from you and to put at your disposal the results of his studies and experience in this line.

Allow me, in conclusion, to express again my appreciation of the cordial and hearty response to my suggestion that the welfare of the troops should be guarded in every way possible. I am much heartened by the country-wide manifestation of interest and support of our program, of which yours is a notable example.

Respectfully yours.

(Signed) NEWTON D. BAKER,
Secretary of War.

Hon. William P. Hobby, State Capitol,
Austin, Texas.

(Speaker in the chair.)

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Cope, the House, at 12:10 o'clock p. m., took recess to 1 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 1 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

ADDRESS BY HON. CLARENCE OUSLEY.

In accordance with the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution No. 1, adopted today, the Speaker announced the appointment of Mr. Fly, Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Neill and Mr. Yantis as a committee to escort Hon. Clarence Ousley to the Speaker's stand.

The committee having performed their duty, Mr. Ousley, being introduced by Mr. Bledsoe, addressed the House.

HOUSE BILL NO. 13 ON ENGROSSMENT.

The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being House bill No. 13, relating to the sale, etc., of intoxicating liquors to persons engaged or enlisted in the military or naval forces of the United States, on its passage to engrossment, with amendment by Mr. O'Brien pending.

Mr. Smith of Scurry moved the previous question on the pending amendment and engrossment of the bill, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the pending amendment, it was lost.

House bill No. 13 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 10 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 10, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 611 of the Penal Code of Texas, adopted in 1911, so as to prohibit the sale of spirituous or vinous liquors in quantities of one gallon or less, without taking out a license as a retail liquor dealer; prescribing a penalty for the violation of this act; providing that prosecutions under this act shall have precedence upon the dockets of the district court; providing that persons convicted of violations of this act shall not have the benefits of the suspended sentence act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 11 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 11, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to amend Article 612 of the Penal Code of Texas, adopted in 1911, so as to prohibit the sale of malt liquors capable of producing intoxication, in quantities of one gallon or less without taking out a license as a retail malt dealer; prescribing a penalty for the violation of this act; providing that prosecutions thereunder shall have precedence in the district court; providing that persons convicted for violations of this act shall not have the benefit of the suspended sentence act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 11 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Bledsoe moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house and that House bill No. 11 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—96.

Mr. Speaker.	Jones.
Atlee.	King.
Bagby.	Laas.
Bass.	Lackey.
Beard.	Laney.
Beasley.	Lanier.
Bedell.	Lindemann.
Bell.	McComb.
Bennette.	McCord.
Bertram.	McCoy.
Blackburn.	McDowra.
Bland.	McFarland.
Bledsoe.	McMillin.
Bryan.	Mendell.
Burton of Rusk.	Miller of Austin.
Butler.	Miller of Dallas.
Cadenhead.	Morris.
Carlock.	Murphy.
Cope.	Murrell.
Cox of Bee.	Neill.
Davis of Dallas.	Nordhaus.
Davis of Harris.	O'Banion.
Davis	Osborne.
of Van Zandt.	Parks.
De Bogory.	Peyton.
Dodd.	Pillow.
Dudley.	Poage.
Dunnam.	Raiden.
Estes.	Reeves.
Fairchild.	Richards.
Fly.	Roemer.
Ford.	Rogers.
Greenwood.	Sackett.
Haidusek.	Sallas.
Hill.	Sentell.
Johnson of Ellis.	Schlesinger.

Schlosshan.	Thomason
Seawright.	of Nacogdoches.
Sholars.	Thompson
Smith of Hopkins.	of Hunt.
Smith of Scurry.	Tillotson.
Spencer.	Tilson.
Spradley.	Tinner.
Sneed.	Upchurch.
Stewart.	Vaughan.
Stephens.	Veatch.
Swope.	White.
Taylor.	Williford.
Templeton.	Woods.
Terrell.	Yantis.
Thomason	
of El Paso.	

Nays—2.

Denton. O'Brien.

Present—Not Voting.

Mathis. Absent.

Beason.	Lacey.
Blackmon.	Lange.
Brown.	Lee.
Burton of Tarrant.	Metcalfe.
Canales.	Monday.
Cates.	Moore.
Clark.	Smith of Bastrop.
Cox of Ellis.	Strayhorn.
Davis of Grimes.	Valentine.
Hardey.	Wahrmund.
Harris.	Walker.
Holland.	Williams
Holaday.	of Brazoria.
Johnson of Blanco.	

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Thomas.
Crudgington.	Thompson
Hudspeth.	of Red River.
Lowe.	Traylor.
Meador.	Williams
Pope.	of McLennan.
Robertson.	Wilson.

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 11 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—96.

Atlee.	Bertram.
Bagby.	Blackburn.
Bass.	Blackmon.
Beard.	Bland.
Beasley.	Bledsoe.
Bedell.	Bryan.
Bell.	Burton of Rusk.
Bennette.	Butler.

Cadenhead.	O'Brien.
Carlock.	Osborne.
Cope.	Peyton.
Cox of Bee.	Pillow.
Davis of Dallas.	Poage.
Davis of Harris.	Raiden.
Davis	Reeves.
of Van Zandt.	Richards.
De Bogory.	Roemer.
Dodd.	Rogers.
Dudley.	Sackett.
Estes.	Sentell.
Fairchild.	Schlesinger.
Fly.	Schlosshan.
Ford.	Seawright.
Greenwood.	Sholars.
Haidusek.	Smith of Hopkins.
Hill.	Smith of Scurry.
Holland.	Spencer.
Johnson of Ellis.	Spradley.
Jones.	Stewart.
Laas.	Stephens.
Lackey.	Swope.
Laney.	Taylor.
Lange.	Templeton.
Lanier.	Terrell.
Lee.	Thomason
Lindemann.	of El Paso.
McComb.	Thomason
McCord.	of Nacogdoches.
McCoy.	Thompson
McDowra.	of Hunt.
McFarland.	Tillotson.
McMillin.	Tilson.
Mathis.	Tinner.
Mendell.	Upchurch.
Miller of Dallas.	Vaughan.
Morris.	Veatch.
Murrell.	White.
Neill.	Williford.
Nordhaus.	Woods.
O'Banion.	Yantis.

Nays—1.

Dunnam.

Absent.

Beason.	Metcalf.
Brown.	Miller of Austin.
Burton of Tarrant.	Monday.
Canales.	Moore.
Cates.	Murphy.
Clark.	Sallas.
Cox of Ellis.	Smith of Bastrop.
Davis of Grimes.	Sneed.
Denton.	Strayhorn.
Hardey.	Valentine.
Harris.	Wahrmund.
Holaday.	Walker.
Johnson of Blanco.	Williams
King.	of Brazoria.
Lacey.	

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Lowe.
Crudginton.	Meador.
Hudspeth.	Parks.

Pope.	Traylor.
Robertson.	Williams
Thomas.	of McLennan.
Thompson	Wilson.
of Red River.	

HOUSE BILL NO. 10 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Bledsoe moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house and that House bill No. 10 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—100.

Atlee.	Lindemann.
Bagby.	McComb.
Bass.	McCord.
Beard.	McCoy.
Beasley.	McDowra.
Beason.	McFarland.
Bedell.	McMillin.
Bell.	Mathis.
Bennette.	Mendell.
Bertram.	Miller of Dallas.
Blackburn.	Morris.
Blackmon.	Murrell.
Bland.	Neill.
Bledsoe.	Nordhaus.
Bryan.	O'Banion.
Burton of Rusk.	O'Brien.
Butler.	Osborne.
Cadenhead.	Pillow.
Carlock.	Poage.
Cates.	Raiden.
Cope.	Reeves.
Cox of Bee.	Richards.
Davis of Dallas.	Rogers.
Davis of Harris.	Sackett.
Davis	Sallas.
of Van Zandt.	Sentell.
De Bogory.	Schlesinger.
Dodd.	Schlosshan.
Dudley.	Seawright.
Dunnam.	Sholars.
Estes.	Smith of Hopkins.
Fairchild.	Smith of Scurry.
Fly.	Spencer.
Ford.	Spradley.
Greenwood.	Sneed.
Haidusek.	Stewart.
Hardey.	Stephens.
Holland.	Swope.
Johnson of Blanco.	Taylor.
Johnson of Ellis.	Templeton.
Jones.	Terrell.
King.	Thomason
Laas.	of El Paso.
Lackey.	Thomason
Laney.	of Nacogdoches.
Lange.	Thompson
Lanier.	of Hunt.
Lee.	Tilson.

Tinner.
Upchurch.
Vaughan.
Veatch.

White.
Williford.
Woods.
Yantis.

Absent.

Brown.
Burton of Tarrant.
Canales.
Clark.
Cox of Ellis.
Davis of Grimes.
Denton.
Harris.
Hill.
Holaday.
Lacey.
Metcalf.
Miller of Austin.

Monday.
Moore.
Murphy.
Peyton.
Roemer.
Smith of Bastrop.
Strayhorn.
Tillotson.
Valentine.
Wahrmund.
Walker.
Williams
of Brazoria.

Absent—Excused.

Baker.
Crudgington.
Hudspeth.
Lowe.
Meador.
Parks.
Pope.
Robertson.

Thomas.
Thompson
of Red River.
Traylor.
Williams
of McLennan.
Wilson.

(Mr. Mendell in the chair.)

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 10 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—102.

Atlee.
Bagby.
Beard.
Beasley.
Beason.
Bedell.
Bell.
Bennette.
Bertram.
Blackburn.
Blackmon.
Bland.
Bledsoe.
Bryan.
Burton of Rusk.
Burton of Tarrant.
Butler.
Cadenhead.
Carlock.
Cates.
Clark.
Cope.
Cox of Bee.
Davis of Dallas.
Davis of Harris.

Davis
of Van Zandt.
De Bogory.
Dodd.
Dudley.
Dunnam.
Estes.
Fairchild.
Fly.
Ford.
Greenwood.
Haidusek.
Hardey.
Harris.
Hill.
Holland.
Johnson of Ellis.
Jones.
King.
Laas.
Lackey.
Lange.
Lanier.
Lee.
Lindemann.

McComb.
McCord.
McCoy.
McDowra.
McFarland.
McMillin.
Mendell.
Miller of Austin.
Miller of Dallas.
Morris.
Murphy.
Murrell.
Neill.
Nordhaus.
O'Banion.
O'Brien.
Osborne.
Peyton.
Pillow.
Poage.
Raiden.
Reeves.
Richards.
Roemer.
Rogers.
Sackett.
Sallas.
Schlesinger.
Schlosshan.

Seawright.
Sholars.
Smith of Hopkins.
Smith of Scurry.
Spencer.
Spradley.
Sneed.
Stewart.
Stephens.
Swope.
Taylor.
Templeton.
Terrell.
Thomason
of El Paso.
Thomason
of Nacogdoches.
Thompson
of Hunt.
Tilson.
Tinner.
Upchurch.
Vaughan.
Veatch.
White.
Williford.
Woods.
Yantis.

Present—Not Voting.

Johnson of Blanco.

Absent.

Bass.
Brown.
Canales.
Cox of Ellis.
Davis of Grimes.
Denton.
Holaday.
Lacey.
Laney.
Mathis.
Metcalf.

Monday.
Moore.
Sentell.
Smith of Bastrop.
Strayhorn.
Tillotson.
Valentine.
Wahrmund.
Walker.
Williams
of Brazoria.

Absent—Excused.

Baker.
Crudgington.
Hudspeth.
Lowe.
Meador.
Parks.
Pope.
Robertson.

Thomas.
Thompson
of Red River.
Traylor.
Williams
of McLennan.
Wilson.

Mr. Bledsoe moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 13 ON THIRD
READING.

Mr. Bledsoe moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read

on three several days in each house and that House bill No. 13 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—96.

Mr. Speaker.	McFarland.
Atlee.	McMillin.
Bagby.	Mathis.
Beard.	Mendell.
Beasley.	Miller of Austin.
Bedell.	Miller of Dallas.
Bell.	Morris.
Bertram.	Murphy.
Blackburn.	Murrell.
Blackmon.	Neill.
Bland.	Nordhaus.
Bledsoe.	O'Banion.
Bryan.	O'Brien.
Burton of Rusk.	Osborne.
Butler.	Peyton.
Cadenhead.	Pillow.
Carlock.	Poage.
Cates.	Raiden.
Clark.	Reeves.
Cope.	Richards.
Cox of Bee.	Rogers.
Davis of Dallas.	Sackett.
Davis of Harris.	Schlosshan.
Davis	Seawright.
of Van Zandt.	Sholars.
De Bogory.	Smith of Hopkins.
Dodd.	Smith of Scurry.
Dudley.	Spencer.
Dunnam.	Spradley.
Estes.	Sneed.
Fairchild.	Stewart.
Fly.	Stephens.
Greenwood.	Swope.
Haidusek.	Taylor.
Hardey.	Templeton.
Hill.	Terrell.
Holland.	Thomason
Johnson of Ellis.	of El Paso.
Jones.	Thomason
King.	of Nacogdoches.
Laas.	Thompson
Lackey.	of Hunt.
Lange.	Tilson.
Lanier.	Tinner.
Lee.	Upchurch.
Lindemann.	Vaughan.
McComb.	Veatch.
McCord.	Williford.
McCoy.	Woods.
McDowra.	Yantis.

Nays—1.

Denton.

Absent.

Bass.	Burton of Tarrant.
Beason.	Canales.
Bennette.	Cox of Ellis.
Brown.	Davis of Grimes.

Ford.	Sentell.
Harris.	Schlesinger.
Holaday.	Smith of Bastrop.
Johnson of Blanco.	Strayhorn.
Lacey.	Tillotson.
Laney.	Valentine.
Lowe.	Wahrmund.
Metcalf.	Walker.
Monday.	White.
Moore.	Williams
Roemer.	of Brazoria.
Sallas.	

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Thomas.
Crudgington.	Thompson
Hudspeth.	of Red River.
Meador.	Traylor.
Parks.	Williams
Pope.	of McLennan.
Robertson.	Wilson.

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 13 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Bagby offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend H. B. No. 13 by adding Section 1a.

Sec. 1a. By the term "any person engaged or enlisted in the military or naval forces of the United States" is meant all those persons who are actually enlisted in either of said forces and who is known by the person charged with said violation to be so engaged or who is wearing the uniform or insignia required of him by the government as a person in said service.

Mr. Cope moved a call of the House for the purpose of maintaining a quorum pending consideration of the bill, and the motion was duly seconded.

The Speaker then directed the Doorkeeper to close the main entrance to the Hall and instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to lock all other doors leading out of the Hall and permit no member to leave the Hall without written permission from the Chair.

The amendment by Mr. Bagby was then adopted.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and House bill No. 13 was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—98.

Atlee.	Bennette.
Bagby.	Bertram.
Beard.	Blackburn.
Beasley.	Blackmon.
Beason.	Bland.
Bedell.	Bledsoe.
Bell.	Bryan.

Burton of Rusk.	Murrell.
Butler.	Neill.
Cadenhead.	Nordhaus.
Carlock.	O'Banion.
Cates.	O'Brien.
Clark.	Osborne.
Cope.	Peyton.
Cox of Bee.	Pillow.
Davis of Dallas.	Poage.
Davis of Harris.	Raiden.
Davis	Reeves.
of Van Zandt.	Richards.
De Bogory.	Roemer.
Dodd.	Rogers.
Dudley.	Sackett.
Dunnam.	Sallas.
Estes.	Schlesinger.
Fairchild.	Schlosshan.
Fly.	Seawright.
Ford.	Sholars.
Greenwood.	Smith of Hopkins.
Haidusek.	Smith of Scurry.
Harris.	Spencer.
Hill.	Spradley.
Johnson of Blanco.	Sneed.
Johnson of Ellis.	Stewart.
Jones.	Stephens.
King.	Swope.
Laas.	Taylor.
Lackey.	Templeton.
Lange.	Terrell.
Lanier.	Thomason
Lec.	of El Paso.
Lindemann.	Thomason
McComb.	of Nacogdoches.
McCord.	Thompson
McCoy.	of Hunt.
McDowra.	Tilson.
McMillin.	Upchurch.
Mendell.	Vaughan.
Miller of Austin.	Veatch.
Miller of Dallas.	Williford.
Morris.	Woods.
Murphy.	Yantis.

Present—Not Voting.

Denton.

Absent.

Bass.	Moore.
Brown.	Robertson.
Burton of Tarrant.	Sentell.
Canales.	Smith of Bastrop.
Cox of Ellis.	Strayhorn.
Davis of Grimes.	Tillotson.
Hardey.	Tinner.
Holland.	Valentine.
Holaday.	Walker.
Lacey.	White.
Laney.	Williams
McFarland.	of Brazoria.
Metcalfe.	Wilson.
Monday.	

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Hudspeth.
Crudgington.	Lowe.

Meador.	Thompson
Parks.	of Red River.
Pope.	Traylor.
Thomas.	Williams
	of McLennan.

Paired.

Mr. Mathis (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Wahrmund (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Bledsoe moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 14 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 14, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit making an appointment for, or soliciting any person in the service of the United States military or naval forces, to meet or come in contact with any immoral woman, for the purpose of unlawful sexual intercourse; prohibiting any person operating a vehicle for hire from transporting any person engaged in the service of the United States military or naval forces to any place for the purpose of unlawful sexual intercourse; prohibiting any person operating a vehicle for hire from transporting any woman for the purpose of meeting anyone engaged in the service of the United States military or naval forces for the purpose of unlawful sexual intercourse; prohibiting any person operating a vehicle for hire from transporting any woman accompanied by any person engaged in the military or naval forces of the United States to any place for the purpose of unlawful sexual intercourse; providing a penalty for the violation of this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Butler offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 14 by adding a new section to be numbered Section 4a, which shall read as follows:

"Sec 4a. It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any house to knowingly permit any person engaged in the service of the military or naval service of the United States, to meet or be with, in such house, any woman for the purpose of unlawful sexual intercourse."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Smith of Scurry offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 14 by adding Section 4b at the end of Section 4a, line 34, to read as follows: "It shall be unlawful for any person operating any vehicle for hire or accommodation to knowingly transport any person engaged in the service of the military or naval forces of the United States to any place where lewd women live, reside or assemble for the purpose of carrying on their avocation."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Carlock offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 14 by adding a new section after Section 1 to be known as Section 1a and to read as follows:

"Section 1a. It shall be unlawful for any woman knowing herself to be afflicted with a communicable venereal disease to have unlawful sexual intercourse with any person engaged in the service of the military or naval forces of the United States."

Signed—Carlock, Jones, Schlesinger.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Schlesinger offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 14 by adding Section 4c, to read as follows:

"Sec. 4c. It shall be unlawful for any person engaged in the active service of the United States military or naval forces to register at any hotel or rooming house with a woman as man and wife unless such woman is his legal wife."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. McCord moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was adopted.

The motion to reconsider prevailed.

Mr. McCord raised a point of order on consideration of the amendment, on the ground that it is not germane to the purpose of the bill.

The Speaker overruled the point of order.

Question then recurring on the amendment by Mr. Schlesinger, it was lost.

Mr. Holland offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 14, on page 1, Section 1, line 23, by inserting the word "knowingly" after the word "to" and before the word "make."

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Butler offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend the caption by inserting after

the word "intercourse," in line 20, the following:

"Prohibiting the owner or keeper of a house from knowingly permitting any person in the service of the military or naval forces of the United States from meeting or being with any woman for unlawful intercourse in such house."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Smith of Scurry offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 14 by amending the caption thereof by adding thereto:

"Prohibiting any person operating any vehicle for hire or accommodation to knowingly transport any person engaged in the service of the military or naval forces of the United States to any place where lewd women live, reside or assemble for the purpose of carrying on their avocation."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Carlock offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 14 by adding after the words "United States military or naval forces" wherever they occur in the act, the following: "or any of the military or naval forces of the allies of the United States in the present war with Germany."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Bagby offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 14 by adding a section reading: "By the term 'any person engaged in the service of the United States military or naval forces' is meant any person who is actually enlisted in either branch of said service, and which fact is known to the person who is charged with the violation of this act, or any person who wears a uniform or insignia, which is required of him by the Government."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 14 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 14 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Bledsoe moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house and that House bill No. 14 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—100.

Atlee.	Beason.
Bagby.	Bedell.
Beard.	Bell.
Beasley.	Bennette.

Bertram.	Miller of Dallas.
Blackburn.	Morris.
Blackmon.	Murphy.
Bland.	Murrell.
Bledsoe.	Neill.
Bryan.	Nordhaus.
Burton of Rusk.	O'Banion.
Butler.	O'Brien.
Cadenhead.	Osborne.
Carlock.	Peyton.
Cates.	Pillow.
Clark.	Poage.
Cope.	Raiden.
Cox of Bee.	Reeves.
Davis of Dallas.	Richards.
Davis of Harris.	Roemer.
De Bogory.	Rogers.
Dodd.	Sackett.
Dudley.	Sallas.
Dunnam.	Schlesinger.
Estes.	Schlosshan.
Fairchild.	Seawright.
Fly.	Sholars.
Ford.	Smith of Hopkins.
Greenwood.	Smith of Scurry.
Haidusek.	Spencer.
Harris.	Spradley.
Hill.	Sneed.
Holland.	Stewart.
Johnson of Blanco.	Stephens.
Johnson of Ellis.	Swope.
Jones.	Templeton.
King.	Terrell.
Laas.	Thomason
Lackey.	of El Paso.
Laney.	Thomason
Lange.	of Nacogdoches.
Lanier.	Thompson
Lee.	of Hunt.
McComb.	Tilson.
McCord.	Tinner.
McCoy.	Upchurch.
McDowra.	Vaughan.
McFarland.	Veatch.
McMillin.	Williford.
Mathis.	Woods.
Mendell.	Yantis.
Miller of Austin.	

Present—Not Voting.

Denton.

Absent.

Bass.	Monday.
Brown.	Moore.
Burton of Tarrant.	Sentell.
Canales.	Smith of Bastrop.
Cox of Ellis.	Strayhorn.
Davis of Grimes.	Taylor.
Davis	Tillotson.
of Van Zandt.	Valentine.
Hardey.	Wahrmund.
Holaday.	Walker.
Lacey.	White.
Lindemann.	Williams
Metcalfe.	of Brazoria.

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Thomas.
Crudgington.	Thompson
Hudspeth.	of Red River.
Lowe.	Traylor.
Meador.	Williams
Parks.	of McLennan.
Pope.	Wilson.
Robertson.	

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 14 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Carlock offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend the caption of House bill No. 14 by adding before the emergency clause the following: "Prohibiting any woman knowing herself to be afflicted with a communicable venereal disease from having unlawful sexual intercourse with any person engaged in the service of the military or naval forces of the United States, and also to extend all the provisions of this act to the protection of the military or naval forces of any of the Allies of the United States in the present war with Germany."

The amendment was adopted.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and House bill No. 14 was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—96.

Atlee.	Dunnam.
Bagby.	Estes.
Beard.	Fairchild.
Beasley.	Fly.
Beason.	Ford.
Bedell.	Greenwood.
Bell.	Haidusek.
Bennette.	Harris.
Bertram.	Hill.
Blackburn.	Holland.
Blackmon.	Johnson of Blanco.
Bland.	Johnson of Ellis.
Bledsoe.	Jones.
Bryan.	King.
Burton of Rusk.	Laas.
Butler.	Lackey.
Cadenhead.	Laney.
Canales.	Lange.
Carlock.	Lanier.
Cates.	Lee.
Clark.	Lindemann.
Cope.	McComb.
Cox of Bee.	McCord.
Davis of Dallas.	McCoy.
Davis of Harris.	McDowra.
Davis	McFarland.
of Van Zandt.	McMillin.
De Bogory.	Mendell.
Dodd.	Miller of Dallas.
Dudley.	Murrell.

Neill.	Stewart.
O'Banion.	Stephens.
Osborne.	Swope.
Peyton.	Taylor.
Pillow.	Templeton.
Poage.	Terrell.
Raiden.	Thomason
Reeves.	of El Paso.
Richards.	Thomason
Roemer.	of Nacogdoches.
Rogers.	Thompson
Sackett.	of Hunt.
Schlesinger.	Tilson.
Schlosshan.	Tinner.
Seawright.	Upchurch.
Sholars.	Vaughan.
Smith of Hopkins.	Veatch.
Smith of Scurry.	Williford.
Spencer.	Woods.
Spradley.	Yantis.
Sneed.	

Nays—2.

Morris. O'Brien.

Absent.

Baker.	Moore.
Bass.	Murphy.
Brown.	Nordhaus.
Burton of Tarrant.	Sallas.
Cox of Ellis.	Sentell.
Davis of Grimes.	Smith of Bastrop.
Denton.	Strayhorn.
Hardey.	Tillotson.
Holaday.	Valentine.
Lacey.	Wahrmund.
Lowe.	Walker.
Mathis.	White.
Metcalf.	Williams
Miller of Austin.	of Brazoria.
Monday.	

Absent—Excused.

Crudgington.	Thompson
Hudspeth.	of Red River.
Meador.	Traylor.
Parks.	Williams
Pope.	of McLennan.
Robertson.	Wilson.
Thomas.	

Mr. Bledsoe moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 15 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 15, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring that if any person shall knowingly, during the time the United States of America is at war, use

any language, in the presence and hearing of another, or of and concerning the United States of America, the entry or continuance of the United States of America in the war, or of and concerning any flag, standard, color, or ensign of the United States of America, or any imitation thereof, or that of any officer of the United States of America, which language is disloyal to the United States of America, or abusive in character and calculated to bring into disrepute the United States of America, the entry, or continuance of the United States of America in the war, the army, navy, marine corps of the United States of America, or any flag, standard, color, or ensign of the United States of America, or any imitation thereof, or that of any officer of the United States of America, of such a nature as to be reasonably calculated to provoke a breach of peace, if said in the presence and hearing of a citizen of the United States of America, shall be a felony, and fixing the punishment for such action to confinement in the State penitentiary for any period of time not less than one year nor more than twenty-five years; declaring that if any person shall, during the time the United States of America is at war, commit to writing, or printing, or both writing and printing, by letters, words, signs, figures, or in any other manner and in any language anything of the kind of and concerning those things just enumerated in this caption, and of the kind and character thus stated in this caption that such person shall be guilty of a felony, and shall be punished as above stated; declaring that any person who shall knowingly, publicly, or privately, mutilate, deface, defile, defy, tramp upon, or cast contempt upon, either by words or acts, upon any flag, standard, color, or ensign of the United States of America, or that of any of its officers, or either of them, shall be guilty of a felony and punished as just stated; declaring that any person who during the war between the United States and any other nation shall knowingly display, or have in his possession for any purpose whatsoever, any flag, standard, color, or ensign, or coat of arms of any nation with which the United States is at war, or any imitation thereof, or that of any State, subdivision, city or municipality of any such nation, shall be guilty of a felony, and punished by confinement in the penitentiary for the length of time first

stated in this caption; authorizing any person, officer or other person, to arrest, without warrant, anyone violating any section of this act; prescribing the force and measures which may be adopted in such case; declaring that any person, officer or other person about to make such arrest shall have authority to require any person violating the provisions of this act to desist from such violation, and authorizing the use of such force and measures as are necessary to cause such person to so desist; fixing venue and jurisdiction for violations of this act in the district courts of the counties in which such violations occur and in the district court of Travis county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Holland offered the following (committee) amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend House bill No. 15 by changing the penalty where it occurs in the bill to read, "for any period of time not less than two years, nor more than twenty-five years."

(2)

Amend House bill No. 15 by adding at the end of Section 6, "Provided, that the suspended sentence law of this State shall not apply in convictions had under this act."

(3)

Amend House bill No. 15 by changing the penalty where it occurs in the caption to read, "for any period of time not less than two years, nor more than twenty-five years."

(4)

Amend House bill No. 15 by adding between the word "Texas" and "and" in the last line of the caption, "provided that the suspended sentence law of this State shall not apply in convictions had under this act."

The (committee) amendments were severally adopted.

Mr. Jones offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 15 by adding after the word "nation," Section 1, line 20, page 2, the word "seriously."

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Taylor offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 15, page 3, line 31, by striking out the comma after

nation, adding a semicolon instead, and add the words: "provided further, that any person who shall speak falsely concerning the Red Cross Society or any of its members, or of its work."

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Lackey offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 15 by adding Section 4a as follows: "Any false statement, made with knowledge of its falsity or in disregard, on the part of the expressor, whether same be true or false, of any casualty, disaster or misfortune, thereby stated, claimed or asserted, to have befallen any of the armed forces of the United States, on land or sea, shall be punished by confinement in the State penitentiary for any period of time not less than one year, nor more than twenty-five years."

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Bagby offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 15 by striking out all after "any person, officer or other person," on page 3, line 40 to line 5, page 4.

Mr. Terrell offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend House bill No. 15, Section 5, pages 3 and 4, by striking out all after the word "magistrate," in line 37, page 3, down to and including the word "procedure," in line 40, page 3, and by striking out all after the word "violation," in line 3, page 4, down to and including the word "act" in line 5, page 4.

The substitute was adopted.

The amendment as substituted was adopted.

Mr. McDowra offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 15, page 2, line 33, by striking out all after the word "America" down to and including the word "America" in line 35.

Mr. Pillow moved the previous question on the amendment and engrossment of the bill and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment, it was lost.

House bill No. 15 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 15 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Miller of Dallas moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house and that House bill No. 15 be

placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—83.

Atlee.	Lee.
Bagby.	Lindemann.
Beard.	McComb.
Beasley.	McCord.
Beason.	McFarland.
Bedell.	McMillin.
Bell.	Mathis.
Bennette.	Mendell.
Blackburn.	Miller of Dallas.
Blackmon.	Morris.
Bland.	Murrell.
Bledsoe.	Neill.
Bryan.	Nordhaus.
Burton of Rusk.	Osborne.
Butler.	Pillow.
Carlock.	Poage.
Cates.	Raiden.
Clark.	Reeves.
Cope.	Roemer.
Cox of Bee.	Rogers.
Davis of Dallas.	Sackett.
Davis of Harris.	Sallas.
Davis	Sentell.
of Van Zandt.	Seawright.
De Bogory.	Sholars.
Dodd.	Smith of Scurry.
Dudley.	Spencer.
Dunnam.	Spradley.
Estes.	Stewart.
Fairchild.	Stephens.
Fly.	Swope.
Greenwood.	Templeton.
Haidusek.	Thomason
Hardey.	of El Paso.
Harris.	Thomason
Holland.	of Nacogdoches.
Johnson of Ellis.	Thompson
Jones.	of Hunt.
King.	Tinner.
Laas.	Vaughan.
Lackey.	Veatch.
Laney.	Williford.
Lange.	Yantis.
Lanier.	

Nays—17.

Bertram.	O'Brien.
Cadenhead.	Peyton.
Denton.	Schlosshan.
Ford.	Smith of Hopkins.
Hill.	Sneed.
Johnson of Blanco.	Taylor.
McCoy.	Tilson.
McDowra.	Woods.
O'Banion.	

Absent.

Bass.	Canales.
Brown.	Cox of Ellis.
Burton of Tarrant.	Davis of Grimes.

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Holaday.	Strayhorn.
Lacey.	Terrell.
Lowe.	Tillotson.
Metcalfe.	Upchurch.
Miller of Austin.	Valentine.
Monday.	Wahrmund.
Moore.	Walker.
Murphy.	White.
Richards.	Williams
Schlesinger.	of Brazoria.
Smith of Bastrop.	

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Thomas
Crudgington.	Thompson
Hudspeth.	of Red River.
Meador.	Traylor.
Parks.	Williams
Pope.	of McLennan.
Robertson.	Wilson.

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 15 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Bagby offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend H. B. No. 15, Section 1 at line 32 by adding before the words "that of any officer" the words, "or the flag, color, standard of ensign," so that same shall read "or the flag, color standard or ensign of any officer of the United States, etc."

The amendment was adopted.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and House bill No. 15 was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—95.

Mr. Speaker.	Davis
Atlee.	of Van Zandt.
Bagby.	De Bogory.
Beard.	Dodd.
Beasley.	Dudley.
Beason.	Dunnam.
Bedell.	Estes.
Bell.	Fly.
Bennette.	Greenwood.
Bertram.	Haidusek.
Blackburn.	Hardey.
Blackmon.	Harris.
Bland.	Hill.
Bledsoe.	Holland.
Bryan.	Johnson of Ellis.
Burton of Rusk.	Jones.
Butler.	King.
Carlock.	Laas.
Cates.	Lackey.
Clark.	Lange.
Cope.	Lanier.
Cox of Bee.	Lee.
Davis of Dallas.	Lindemann.
Davis of Harris.	McComb.

McCord.	Sholars.
McCoy.	Smith of Hopkins.
McFarland.	Smith of Scurry.
McMillin.	Spencer.
Mathis.	Spradley.
Mendell.	Stewart.
Miller of Austin.	Stephens.
Miller of Dallas.	Swope.
Morris.	Taylor.
Murphy.	Templeton.
Murrell.	Terrell.
Neill.	Thomason
Nordhaus.	of El Paso.
Osborne.	Thomason
Peyton.	of Nacogdoches.
Pillow.	Thompson
Poage.	of Hunt.
Raiden.	Tillotson.
Reeves.	Tilson.
Roemer.	Tinner.
Rogers.	Vaughan.
Sackett.	Veatch.
Sallas.	Williford.
Sentell.	Woods.
Schlosshan.	Yantis.
Seawright.	

Nays—7.

Cadenhead.	O'Banion.
Denton.	O'Brien.
Ford.	Sneed.
McDowra.	

Absent.

Bass.	Moore.
Brown.	Richards.
Burton of Tarrant.	Schlesinger.
Canales.	Smith of Bastrop.
Cox of Ellis.	Strayhorn.
Davis of Grimes.	Upchurch.
Fairchild.	Valentine.
Holaday.	Wahrmund.
Johnson of Blanco.	Walker.
Lacey.	White.
Laney.	Williams
Metcalfe.	of Brazoria.
Monday.	

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Thomas.
Crudgington.	Thompson
Hudspeth.	of Red River.
Lowe.	Traylor.
Meador.	Williams
Parks.	of McLennan.
Pope.	Wilson.
Robertson.	

Mr. Miller of Dallas moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED.

Pending consideration of House bill

No. 15, the constitutional oath of office was administered to Mrs. J. T. Robison, Enrolling Clerk, by Bob Barker, Chief Clerk of the House.

APPOINTMENT OF EMPLOYES.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following employes of the House:

Assistant Enrolling and Engrossing Clerks: Misses Eula May Cole and Myrtle Little.

Stenographers: Miss Henrietta Gilliland and Mrs. M. V. Jasse.

Pages: Cecil Walden, Thomas Weigle, and Oliver Caldwell.

BILL SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof and its caption had been read, the following enrolled bill:

H. B. No. 17, "An Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 44 of the Revised Civil Statutes of this State by adding immediately following Article 2439 thereof a new article, to be known as Article 2439a, providing, in substance, that during the continuance of a state of war between the governments of the United States and Germany the Treasurer of this State from time to time shall in like manner, and with the approval of the Attorney General and Comptroller, invest the surplus funds of the State not deposited in State depositories and not required to meet the current expenses of the government in such short time United States certificates of indebtedness as may have been heretofore or as may hereafter be authorized by Congress; providing that, when necessary, such certificates may be cashed or sold for not less than par and accrued interest; providing that such investments shall be made only when such certificates are offered directly by the government of the United States; declaring that the Treasurer shall, under such rules as may be established by him, the Attorney General and Comptroller, make subscriptions to allotments from time to time of such certificates and execute the necessary instruments and documents to carry this act into effect, making an appropriation for the payment of all expenses incident to carrying this act into effect, providing for the payment thereof; this act being preceded by a preamble and in Section 2 thereof declaring an emergency."

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Dunnam, the House, at 5:15 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Liquor Traffic, to whom was referred House bill No. 9, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, and that said bill be printed in the Journal of this House of this date and that it be not otherwise printed.

McMILLIN, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. J. R. No. 1, Ratifying an amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, passed by the Sixty-fifth Congress of the United States of America at its Second Session, which amendment provides in substance that one year after the ratification of the amendment the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors within, the importation thereof, into, or the exportation thereof, from the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof, for beverage purposes is prohibited; that Congress and the several States shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation, and providing further that this article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution within seven years from the date of submission to the States by Congress,

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DENTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 21, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate two thousand dollars, as a fund, to the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Bryan, Texas, for the purpose of experimenting and treatment of the plant *Yucca filamentos*, with the view of preparing same for stock food, this plant being in great abundance in the drouth-stricken section of the State, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DENTON, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 17, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 44 of the Revised Civil Statutes of this State, by adding immediately following Article 2439 thereof a new article, to be known as Article 2439a, providing in substance that during the continuance of a state of war between the governments of the United States and Germany the Treasurer of this State from time to time shall, in like manner and with the approval of the Attorney General and Comptroller invest the surplus fund of the State not deposited in State depositories and not required to meet the current expenses of the government in such short time United States certificates of indebtedness as may have been heretofore or as may hereafter be authorized by Congress; providing that when necessary, such certificates may be cashed or sold for not less than par and accrued interest; providing that such investments shall be made only when such certificates are offered directly by the government of the United States; declaring that the Treasurer shall, under such rules as may be established by him, the Attorney General and Comptroller, make subscriptions to allotments from time to time of such certificates and execute the necessary instruments and documents to carry this act into

effect, making an appropriation for the payment of all expenses, incident to carrying this act into effect, providing for the payment thereof; this act being preceded by a preamble and in Section 2 thereof declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 4:53 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.
McCOY, Chairman.

FIFTH DAY.

(Saturday, March 2, 1918.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Atlee.	Laney.
Bagby.	Lanier.
Baker.	Lee.
Beard.	Lindemann.
Beasley.	McComb.
Bedell.	McCord.
Bell.	McCoy.
Bertram.	McDowra.
Blackburn.	McFarland.
Blackmon.	McMillin.
Bledsoe.	Mathis.
Bryan.	Mendell.
Butler.	Metcalfe.
Cadenhead.	Miller of Austin.
Carlock.	Miller of Dallas.
Clark.	Moore.
Cope.	Morris.
Cox of Bee.	Murphy.
Cox of Ellis.	Murrell.
Davis of Dallas.	Neill.
Davis of Harris.	Nordhaus.
Davis of Van Zandt.	O'Banion.
De Bogory.	O'Brien.
Denton.	Osborne.
Dodd.	Peyton.
Dudley.	Pillow.
Dunnam.	Poage.
Estes.	Raiden.
Fairchild.	Reeves.
Fly.	Rogers.
Ford.	Sackett.
Greenwood.	Sallas.
Haidusek.	Sentell.
Hardey.	Schlosshan.
Harris.	Seawright.
Hill.	Smith of Bastrop.
Holland.	Smith of Hopkins.
Johnson of Blanco.	Smith of Scurry.
Johnson of Ellis.	Spencer.
Jones.	Spradley.
King.	Sneed.
Laas.	Stewart.
Lackey.	Stephens.
	Swope.

Taylor.	Tinner.
Templeton.	Upchurch.
Terrell.	Vaughan.
Thomas.	Veatch.
Thomason of El Paso.	Walker.
Thomason of Nacogdoches.	White.
Thompson of Hunt.	Williams of Brazoria.
Tillotson.	Williford.
Tilson.	Woods.
	Yantis.

Absent.

Brown.	Monday.
Burton of Tarrant.	Richards.
Canales.	Roemer.
Davis of Grimes.	Strayhorn.
Holaday.	Valentine.
Lacey.	

Absent—Excused.

Bass.	Pope.
Beason.	Robertson.
Bennette.	Schlesinger.
Bland.	Sholars.
Burton of Rusk.	Thompson of Red River.
Cates.	Traylor.
Crudgington.	Wahrmund.
Hudspeth.	Williams of McLennan.
Lange.	Wilson.
Lowe.	
Meador.	
Parks.	

The Speaker announced a quorum present.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Bass, Mr. Schlesinger and Mr. Wahrmund, for today, on motion of Mr. Nordhaus.

Mr. Beason, for today, on motion of Mr. Smith of Scurry.

Mr. Bland, for today, on motion of Mr. Neill.

Mr. Smith of Bastrop, for today, on motion of Mr. Seawright.

Mr. Metcalfe, for yesterday and today, on motion of Mr. Sackett.

Mr. Pope, for yesterday and today, on motion of Mr. Pillow.

Mr. Bennette, for today, on motion of Mr. Poage.

Mr. Cates, for today, on motion of Mr. Swope.

Mr. Lange, for today, on motion of Mr. Nordhaus.

Mr. Burton of Rusk, for today, on motion of Mr. Beard.